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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Logistics

SUBJECT

: Executive Dining Room

Van:

I have two matters of concern, the first after reading the Annual Report on the dining room. I noted that Accounts Receivable amount to more than \$4700 and I understand that these are not all current accounts. Will you please provide me with a name listing of all accounts which are not current to the present month with amounts and aging data. For your information, I have mentioned this to Colonel White and if there are any very blatant cases there will be some action taken - in what form not yet determined.

My other concern with the dining room is the fact that the current manager after a very short tenure is leaving, presumably because of his inability to get hold of the operation. It may be that part of the problem was his own approach. If that is true I suggest that when we hire his replacement the replacement get a good briefing on some of the sensitivities involved. But, I also am informed by one I will describe as a sensitive observer, that is doing an awful lot of griping. Part of it arises out of his resentment of anyone presuming command and telling him how to run the place. I know that George is dedicated to providing good service and is upset when things are not done right but at the same time he is doing himself and the operation no good if information I receive is true. I don't know him well enough and I also feel that my position is probably too senior to permit a useful exchange, but I think that someone for whom George has respect and who could be depended upon to handle it carefully should have a talk with him and see if we can't clear the atmosphere. In this regard we are about, presumably, to undertake the upgrading of the equipment and decor and I

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am wondering whether his nose will be out of joint because he has not been consulted about matters which he considers his province. It may be that _____ could handle this as a parting gesture when he moves over to Training.

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Acting Deputy Director
for Support

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